

## **Minutes of the meeting of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)**

**5 - 6 June 2011, Montreal, Canada**

**Present:** Senka Barudanovic (Chair of SBSTTA), Joyce Thomas Peters, Maria Barcelos Cavalcante Vieira, Gabriele Obermayr, Nabil Hamada, Krishna Chandra Paudel, Monyrak Meng, and Alexander Shestakov.

Mr. Ignatius Makumba, from Zambia, was unable to participate due to unforeseen reasons. Ms. Tone Solhaug from Norway was represented by Ms. Emine Isciel.

From the CBD Secretariat, the following staff members were present: Jo Mulongoy (Head of STTM), Sarat Babu Gidda, David Coates, Junko Shimura, Johannes Stahl, Annie Cung and Kieran Noonan-Mooney.

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

The Chair of SBSTTA, Ms. Senka Barudanovic, from Bosnia and Herzegovina, opened the meeting at 9:30 am. She welcomed the Bureau Members to this first inter-sessional face-to-face meeting, and thanked the Secretariat for preparing the documents for the meeting. She acknowledged that the meeting was partly made possible thanks to the generous contribution of the Government of Norway.

Jo Mulongoy from the CBD Secretariat welcomed the Bureau. Members of the Secretariat introduced themselves.

The Bureau adopted the agenda for the meeting

### **2. Preparation for SBSTTA 15**

#### **2.1 Consideration of outlines and/or first drafts of pre-session documents**

Members of the Secretariat introduced their respective documents briefly and provided elements of clarification as needed. Some documents were available as draft pre-session documents while others were in the form of outlines. Starting with the annotated agenda (draft document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/2), the Bureau and the Head of STTM provided comments/suggestions on each item on the agenda of SBSTTA 15, based on the documents prepared by the Secretariat.

The revised annotations to the provisional agenda are attached as Annex I. The other documents will be revised as per the comments provided. They will then be submitted in accordance with the schedule of the preparation of documents submitted earlier to the Bureau.

In addition to the comments made on each documents, the Bureau agreed to highlight the following points:

(a) In paragraph 18 (g) of decision X/2, the Executive Secretary was requested to further develop, in preparation for the consideration of this issue by SBSTTA at its fifteenth meeting, and the fourth meeting of the WGRI, the technical rationales and suggested milestones for the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The Bureau discussed how the Strategic Plan could be best addressed during SBSTTA 15. The Bureau agreed that **SBSTTA 15, as a scientific body, is best suited to discuss issues related to the technical rationales and indicators for the Strategic Plan and Aichi Targets.** The Bureau also agreed that milestones would be best considered by WGRI-4.

**Follow-up action:** The Chair will request the Secretariat to submit these minutes to the COP Bureau.

(b) The topic for the keynote presentation (“Mobilizing the scientific community for the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity -- The role of the scientific community in supporting the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and the revision of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans”) is particularly relevant given that there will be a meeting of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) in October 2011 i.e. a month before SBSTTA 15, and that it is always a challenge to mobilize the scientific community. The Bureau decided to ask Jo Mulongoy to deliver the keynote address, given his experience and knowledge of the issue, as well as his long association with SBSTTA and the scientific community.

(c) The Bureau discussed how it would proceed for future meetings with regards to comments on SBSTTA documents prepared by the Secretariat. The Bureau agreed that it could be more useful and time efficient to comment on the outlines of documents so as to reduce the level of changes that might be required when the Bureau provides comments after the first drafts of the documents are ready. Thus, after meetings of the COP, the Secretariat could come up with a full list of requests to SBSTTA, and discuss with the Bureau on how to interpret these requests. This work could be done by email or teleconference. The Secretariat would prepare in advance some questions for the Bureau with regards to documents. In this particular case, it would then be necessary to have a teleconference on the outlines of SBSTTA-16 documents as soon as possible and organise a face-to-face meeting to discuss the first drafts possibly just after SBSTTA 15 in November, when the first drafts of SBSTTA 16 documents will be made available.

The Secretariat explained the usual process for development of meeting documents (development of individual work plans taking into account COP decisions and how to address them; development of annotated agenda during which each staff agrees with the Head of STTM on the documents to prepare, their contents and timetable; development of first drafts of the “Note by the Executive Secretary”; internal review; second draft; peer-review process; finalisation; editing and translation).

(d) Regarding documentation, the Bureau reminded the Secretariat that, pursuant to paragraph 7 of decision X/12 on ways and means to improve the effectiveness of SBSTTA, the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of funds, should make available executive summaries for information documents as early as possible, in all United Nations languages, in order to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge as well as ensure a more comprehensive scientific review of these technical documents. Organisations submitting information documents should be encouraged to draft the executive summaries and have them translated in all UN languages. As far as in-session documentation is concerned, the Secretariat was reminded to circulate in-session document, in particular the reports on the last days of the meeting, and to mention clearly that part of the report on the last day proceedings would be adopted in English only. The Bureau made additional proposals as part of document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/15 on ways and means to improve the effectiveness of SBSTTA, including e.g., (i) organisation of specific side events that could take the form of “scientific roundtables” on selected questions arising from the documents or the discussions; and (ii) discussions of and agreements on scientific rationales behind suggested recommendations. Also see below subsection on ways and means to facilitate scientific discussions.

## **2.2 Organization of work**

### ***Role of SBSTTA Bureau***

The Bureau assigned agenda items to each Bureau member. The Bureau member should follow closely the preparation of the documents for the item and, whenever possible, participate in meetings of relevance organised by the Secretariat.

Following a proposal from the Chair, the Bureau discussed the pros and cons of having Bureau members chair the meeting when the topic assigned to them are considered by SBSTTA. Bearing in mind that rule 23 of the CBD rules of procedure states that “the President, if temporarily absent from a session or any part thereof, shall designate a Vice-President to act as President. A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President”, the Secretariat was asked to consult the CBD Legal Officer and a decision would be taken at a later date. It was agreed that any decided approach would be announced and explained in the Note by the Chair to be circulated prior to SBSTTA 15 to avoid confusion.

The items and the proposed role of Bureau members at SBSTTA 15 were distributed as follows:

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>SBSTTA Bureau member(s)<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>3.1.</b>	Ms. Tone Solhaug, Norway and Ms. Maria Barcelos Cavalcante Vieira, Brazil (or her replacement).
<b>3.2.</b>	Mr. Krishna Chandra Paudel, Nepal
<b>3.3.</b>	Mr. Monyrak Meng, Cambodia
<b>4.1.</b>	Ms. Joyce Thomas Peters, Grenada
<b>4.2.</b>	Ms. Gabriele Obermayr, Austria
<b>4.3.</b>	Mr. Ignatius Makumba, Zambia
<b>4.4.</b>	Mr. Alexandre Shestakov, Russian Federation
<b>5, 6 and 7</b>	Ms. Senka Barudanovic, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Rapporteur	Mr. Nabil Hamada, Tunisia

### ***Ways and means to facilitate scientific discussions during SBSTTA 15***

This item was discussed in conjunction with the document SBSTTA/15/15 on Ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

The Bureau discussed the role of SBSTTA in providing scientific advice. SBSTTA should make more effort to identify gaps and **support research**, that contribute to the objectives of the Convention, including dissemination of results and information. More information should be made available on how to communicate more effectively the scientific advice.

The Bureau also discussed the role of **SBSTTA Focal Points** in facilitating scientific dialog, at the national level as well as the SBSTTA conference. The Bureau suggested that a manual be prepared, including the functions of SBSTTA Focal Points. It should not be limited to reference

<sup>1</sup> The respective SBSTTA Bureau members are expected to follow in particular and very closely the preparations and discussions of the items under their responsibilities.

of the Modus Operandi. The manual need to be practical, not just decision text. The Bureau suggested the organization of a meeting of SBSTTA Focal Points as a side event at SBSTTA 15. It could be in the form of a roundtable. The entire SBSTTA Bureau would have to be there and preparatory work should be done.

The Bureau also discussed how to approach the documents that have no recommendations (reports to SBSTTA) during the meeting. If SBSTTA decides to have recommendations on reporting items, a drafting group could be established to convert the conclusions into draft recommendations.

Noting that some documents prepared by the Secretariat had recommendations, and others had just conclusions, the Bureau noted that conclusions could give more opportunities for scientific discussions and agreed to explore further whether for some pre-session documents only conclusions should be drafted. While developing documents, the Secretariat could make suggestions whether to stop at conclusions or prepare draft recommendations. Other means to encourage scientific discussions include: (i) the provision of scientific rationales under recommendations; (ii) the development of SBSTTA views on the reports submitted to it like the views on biofuels prepared by SBSTTA for COP (see paragraph 3 of SBSTTA recommendation XII/7).

Additional ideas can be found in Annex I under document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/15 on ways and means to improve the effectiveness of SBSTTA.

### **3. Representation of Bureau in CBD meetings**

The Chair reminded Bureau members in charge of specific items that they should try as much as possible to attend the CBD meetings related to their assigned item, and regional workshops in their respective regions.

The Secretariat was requested to update the list of relevant CBD meetings, including NSBAP workshops. Although the CBD Secretariat will try as much as possible to arrange for the participation of a representative of the Bureau, participation will depend on availability of funds and thus will be effective on a case by case basis. Also the Bureau agreed to identify priority meetings.

### **4. Other matters**

The Bureau discussed the issue of visas and other possibilities to facilitate their work. Given that the Bureau is expected to visit Canada frequently and that issuance of visa usually poses certain challenges, the Bureau requested the Secretariat to send invitation as early as possible. The Bureau mentioned that it is more convenient to request a multiple entry visa for Canada valid for 1 year. It was also recommended to Bureau Members to inform the Secretariat in advance when the visa is about to expire.

Encountering the demands of daily work, Bureau members emphasized the need for a letter of accreditation that would facilitate their communication with an administration on the national level. The letter should contain short explanation of functions of the SBSTTA Bureau.

### **5. Closure of the meeting.**

The Chair thanked the Bureau for their work over the past two days, the Government of Norway and the Executive Secretary for providing funds to facilitate travel of members for the face-to-face meeting. The Chair also thanked the Secretariat.

The meeting closed on Monday, 6 June 2011, at 4pm.

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## Annex I



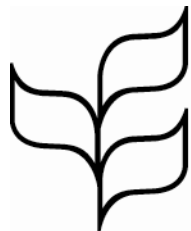
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Fifteenth meeting

Montreal, 7-11 November 2011

Item 2 of the provisional agenda\*

## ORGANIZATION OF WORK

### *Annotations to the provisional agenda*

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) established under Article 25 of the Convention will take place in Montreal, at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) from 7 to 11 November 2011. Registration of participants will commence at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 6 November 2011.

#### ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

2. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m., on 7 November 2011.

#### ITEM 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

3. Pursuant to rule 26, paragraph 3, of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting, held in Nagoya, Japan, in October 2010, elected Dr. Senka Barudanovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina) as the Chair of SBSTTA for a term of office commencing at the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties and expiring at the end of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/10/27, para. 47).

4. In accordance with the elections held at the thirteenth and fourteenth meetings of the Subsidiary Body, the Bureau of the fifteenth meeting of SBSTTA will comprise the following members, in addition to its Chair: Dr. Alexander Shestakov (Russian Federation), Ms. Tone Solhaug (Norway), Ms. Gabriele

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Obermayr (Austria), Mr. Ignatius Makumba (Zambia), Mr. Nabil Hamada (Tunisia), Ms. Maria Cecília B. Cavalcante Vieira (Brazil), Ms. Joyce Thomas Peters (Grenada), Dr. Krishna Chandra Paudel (Nepal), and Dr. Monyrak Meng (Cambodia).

5. In order to achieve staggered terms of office within the Bureau, SBSTTA will elect four new members to serve on the Bureau for a term, commencing at the end of the fifteenth meeting and ending at the end of the seventeenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body, to replace the members from Norway, Tunisia, Grenada and Nepal.

6. The Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of SBSTTA and the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, prepared the draft provisional agendas for the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings of SBSTTA. The Executive Secretary prepared also the draft annotated provisional agenda for the fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body in consultation with its Bureau.

7. Regarding the organization of work, the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau, proposed the following allocation of tasks between the plenary and the two working groups (see annex I below):

- (a) The following items would be considered in plenary at the beginning of the meeting:
  - 1. Opening of the meeting;
  - 2. Election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work;
  - 3.1 Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020: Updated technical rationales and indicators;
  - 3.2 Ways and means to support ecosystem restoration;
  - 3.3 Draft comprehensive capacity-building strategy for the Global Taxonomy Initiative.
- (b) Working Group I would consider the following items:
  - 4.1 Invasive alien species: Proposals on ways and means to address gaps in international standards regarding invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food; and
  - 4.3 Sustainable use of biodiversity: Revised recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat including options for small-scale food and income alternatives, and report on how to improve sustainable use in a landscape perspective
- (c) Working Group II would consider the following items:
  - 4.2 Inland water biodiversity: Implications of changes in the water cycle, and freshwater resources in the implementation of the programmes of work; and
  - 4.4 Arctic biodiversity.
- (d) A plenary session will then be convened to consider the following items:
  - 5. Ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
  - 6. Draft provisional agenda, and dates and venue for the sixteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
- (e) After some sessions of the Working Groups to consider pending issues, the meeting will be convened in plenary for the adoption of the report and closure of the meeting.

8. The Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, will:

- Invite a keynote presentation on “Mobilizing the scientific community for the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity”. More specifically, the presentation will consider the role of the scientific community in supporting the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

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and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and the revision of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans”; and

- Organize a poster session during the period of the meeting.

9. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the provisional agenda and organization of work for its fifteenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/1 and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/1/Add.1) for adoption.

10. A list of other pre-session documents for the meeting is provided in annex II below. Preparation of documents benefitted from the advice of the Bureau of SBSTTA (through the meeting held on 5 and 6 June 2011) and a peer-review process carried out in June and July 2011.

### **ITEM 3. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ISSUES OF RELEVANCE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF, REPORTING ON, AND FOLLOW-UP TO, THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011 - 2020**

#### **3.1 Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020: Updated technical rationales and suggested indicators**

11. *Background:* The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 - 2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets were adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting (Decision X/2). In paragraph 18 (g) of the same decision, the Executive Secretary was requested to further develop, in preparation for the consideration of this issue by SBSTTA at its fifteenth meeting, and the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation, the technical rationales and suggested milestones for the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. In paragraph 5 of decision X/7 the Conference of the Parties established an Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and provided its terms of reference. In addition, the Conference of the Parties in its paragraph (a) (iii) of decision X/9 decided to consider at its eleventh meeting the further development of tools and guidance for monitoring implementation of the Strategic Plan, including the use of indicators and milestones at national, regional and global levels.

12. *Documentation:* Document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/2 contains the suggested indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 - 2020 as well as guidance for their utilisation, and draws on the report of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 established through decision X/7. Document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/3 is an update of the note UNEP/CBD/COP/10/27/Add.1 on Provisional technical rationales, possible indicators and suggested milestones for the Aichi biodiversity targets. In addition, the report of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan will be available.

13. *Action:* The Subsidiary Body will consider the updated technical rationales for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 - 2020, indicators and other tools and guidance for assessing progress in implementing the Strategic Plan contained in documents UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/2 and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/3 and related information documents, and develop its advice for the Conference of the Parties.

#### **3.2 Ways and means to support ecosystem restoration**

14. *Background:* Ecosystem restoration is considered in most of the programmes of work adopted under the Convention. It is also a key element of target 15 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-20, of targets 4 and 8 of the Updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011 – 2020. In paragraph (a) (ix) of decision X/9 on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Convention for the period 2011-2020, the Conference of the Parties decided to identify at its eleventh meeting in 2012 ways and means to support ecosystem restoration, and possibly develop practical guidance on ecosystem restoration and related issues.

15. *Documentation:* The note by the Executive Secretary UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/4 describes ways and means to support ecosystem restoration, including proposals on practical guidance on ecosystem restoration.

16. *Action:* The Subsidiary Body may wish to prepare its advice on the basis of document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/4 describing ways and means to support ecosystem restoration.

### **3.3 Draft comprehensive capacity-building strategy for the Global Taxonomy Initiative**

17. *Background:* In paragraph 16 of decision X/39, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop a comprehensive capacity-building strategy for the Global Taxonomy Initiative at global and regional levels that addresses the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and submit a draft to SBSTTA for its review prior to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

18. *Documentation:* A draft comprehensive capacity-building strategy for the Global Taxonomy Initiative is contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/5 prepared by the Executive Secretary in collaboration with the Coordination Mechanism for the GTI in accordance with the guidance of the Conference of the Parties.

19. *Action:* The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice may wish to review the draft capacity-building strategy for the Global Taxonomy Initiative and prepare its advice to the Conference of the Parties.

## **ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM OTHER DECISIONS ADOPTED AT THE Tenth MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

### **4.1 Invasive alien species:**

#### **Proposals on ways and means to address gaps in international standards regarding invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food**

20. *Background:* In response to paragraph 3 (b) of decision X/38, the Executive Secretary convened a meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group established to suggest ways and means on the possible development of standards by appropriate bodies that can be used at an international level to avoid spread of invasive alien species that current international standards do not cover, to address the identified gaps and to prevent the impacts and minimize the risks associated with the introduction of invasive alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to submit the Expert Group's report for consideration at a SBSTTA meeting prior to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

21. *Documentation:* The Subsidiary Body will have before it the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/INF/1), document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/6 highlighting the issues for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body, and document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/7, the report requested by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 13 of decision X/38 B on how Parties, other governments and relevant organizations are addressing gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework in invasive alien species.

22. *Action:* The Subsidiary Body may wish to note the report UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/7 and consider the issues in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/6 and prepare its advice to the Conference of the Parties.

### **4.2 Inland water biodiversity: Implication of changes in the water cycle, and freshwater resources in the implementation of the programmes of work**

23. *Background:* In paragraph 38 of decision X/28, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and other Governments to consider the implications of changes in the water cycle, and freshwater resources, where relevant and feasible, in the implementation of all thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work, and with special attention to the links between hydrology, biodiversity, ecosystem functioning and

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sustainable development, and requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technical Advice to consider these aspects;

24. *Documentation:* The Executive Secretary has prepared document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/8 on the implications of changes in the water cycle, and freshwater resources to the implementation of the programmes of work and cross-cutting issues. The Subsidiary Body will also have before it the following reports:

- UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/9, the report of the Executive Secretary and the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands on the assessment of ways and means to address relevant inland water biodiversity needs in coastal areas, prepared in response to decision X/28, paragraph 16. The report also contains some clarification of the scope of, and inter-linkages between, the programmes of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and marine and coastal biodiversity in coastal areas, including regarding coverage of coastal wetlands under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands;

- UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/10, the assessment of the status of implementation of the River Basin Initiative prepared by the Executive Secretary and the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention in response to paragraph 20 of decision X/28;

- UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/11, the progress report on the work in addressing paragraphs 40 to 42 of decision X/28 on review of information, and the provision of key policy relevant messages, on maintaining the ability of biodiversity to continue to support the water cycle;

25. *Action:* The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the above documents, take note of the reports and prepare its advice to the Conference of the Parties.

#### **4.3 Sustainable use of biodiversity: Revised recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat including options for small-scale food and income alternatives, and report on how to improve sustainable use in a landscape perspective**

26. *Background:* In paragraph 4 (a) of decision X/32, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop options for small-scale food and income alternatives in tropical and sub-tropical countries based on the sustainable use of biodiversity and submit a report as well as a revised version of the recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/12 for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body. In paragraph 4 (b) of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to compile information on how to improve sustainable use of biodiversity in a landscape perspective, including on sectoral policies, international guidelines, and best practices for sustainable agriculture and forestry.

27. *Documentation:* Document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/12 contains the options for small-scale food and income alternatives developed by the Executive Secretary with collaborators and revised recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat as requested by the Conference of the Parties. The Subsidiary Body will also have before it document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/13, the report on how to improve sustainable use of biodiversity in a landscape perspective prepared in response to paragraph 4 (b) of decision X/32, and the report of the International meeting on Article 10 (Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity) with a focus on Article 10(c) (Customary Use of Biological Diversity) held in May 2011 in Montreal, Canada.

28. *Action:* The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the above documents and develop recommendations for the improvement of sustainable use of biodiversity in relation to wildlife management in tropical and sub-tropical countries, and to develop recommendations for the further improvement of the sustainable use of biodiversity in a landscape perspective.

#### **4.4 Arctic biodiversity**

29. *Background:* In paragraph 3 of decision X/13, the Conference of the Parties invited the Arctic Council to provide relevant information on Arctic biodiversity, in particular information generated through the Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program (CBMP) of the Arctic Council's Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna Working Group, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
30. *Documentation:* Document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/14 summarizes the status of Arctic biodiversity from the information provided by the Arctic Council.
31. *Action:* The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the document on Arctic biodiversity and develop its advice to the Conference of the Parties.

**ITEM 5. WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE  
SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

32. *Background:* As stated in paragraph (a) (vi) of decision X/9, the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be held in 2012 in Hyderabad, India, will address, among other issues, the need for and possible development of additional mechanisms, ways and means, to enhance existing mechanisms such as the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention, to strengthen the ability of Parties to meet their commitments under the Convention.
33. *Documentation:* The Executive Secretary, in consultation with the SBSTTA Bureau, prepared a report on progress and some proposals on ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the SBSTTA contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/15. Also, following the first plenary meeting of the IPBES in October 2011, it is envisaged that the Head of the IPBES could be invited to brief SBSTTA 15 after the keynote presentation on Monday on the conclusions of the first plenary meeting and the plans for the second plenary.
34. *Action:* The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/15 and prepare its advice to the Conference of the Parties

**ITEM 6. DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA, AND DATES AND VENUE FOR, THE  
SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND  
TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

35. *Background and documentation:* To assist the meeting in its consideration of this agenda item, the Executive Secretary prepared, in consultation with the SBSTTA Bureau, a draft provisional agenda for the sixteenth meeting of SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/16) based on the agenda adopted for the fifteenth meeting of SBSTTA and taking into account the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting. A draft of the agenda was also considered by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.
36. *Action:* The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/16 and prepare its advice to the Conference of the Parties.

**ITEM 7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

37. Under this item, SBSTTA will consider and adopt its report. In accordance with established practice, the Subsidiary Body is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting, with the guidance of the Chair and the assistance of the Secretariat.
38. The fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is scheduled to be closed at 6 p.m. on Friday, 11 November 2011.

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*Annex I***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group I</i>	<i>Working Group II</i>
Monday, 7 November 2011 <i>10 a.m. –11:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Agenda items:</i> 1. Opening of the meeting; 2. Election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work; Keynote presentation		
Monday, 7 November 2011 11:30 a.m. –1 p.m.	3.3 Draft comprehensive capacity-building strategy for the Global Taxonomy Initiative.		
Monday, 7 November 2011 <i>3 p.m.–6 p.m.</i>	3.1 Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020: Updated technical rationales and indicators		
Monday, 7 November 2011 6 p.m.	Poster session begins		
Tuesday, 8 November 2011 <i>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</i>	3.2 Ways and means to support ecosystem restoration		
Tuesday, 8 November 2011 <i>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</i>		4.1 Invasive alien species: Proposals on ways and means to address gaps in international standards regarding invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food	4.2 Inland water biodiversity: Implications of changes in the water cycle, and freshwater resources in the implementation of the programmes of work

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group I</i>	<i>Working Group II</i>
Wednesday, 9 November 2011 10 a.m.–1 p.m.		4.3 Sustainable use of biodiversity: Revised recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat including options for small-scale food and income alternatives, and report on how to improve sustainable use in a landscape perspective.	4.4 Arctic biodiversity
Wednesday, 9 November 2011 3 p.m.–6 p.m.	5. Ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.		
Thursday, 10 November 2011 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Pending issues		
Thursday, 10 November 2011 <b>3 p.m. –6 p.m.</b>		Pending issues	Pending issues
Friday, 11 November 2011 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Pending issues		
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